Baſſ. Heere is the money.
Por. Soft,the Iew ſhal haue all iuſtice,ſoft no haſt,
he ſhall haue nothing but the penalty.
Gra. O Iew, an vpright Iudge,a learned Iudge.
Por. Therefore prepare thee to cut of the fleſh,
Shed thou no blood,nor cut thou leſſe nor more
but iuſt a pound of fleſh: if thou tak'ſt more
or leſſe then a iuſt pound, be it but ſo much
as makes it light or heauy in the ſubſtance,
or the deuiſion of the twentith part
of one poore ſcruple, nay if the ſcale doe turne
but in the eſtimation of a hayre,
thou dyeſt, and all thy goods are confiſcate.
Gra. A ſecond Daniell, a Daniell Iew,
now infidell *I* haue you on the hip.
Por. Why doth the Iew pauſe, take thy forfaiture.
Shy. Giue me my principall, and let me goe.
Baſſ. I haue it ready for thee, here it is.
Por. Hee hath refuſd it in the open Court,
hee ſhall haue meerely iuſtice and his bond.
Gra. A Daniell ſtill ſay *I*, a ſecond Daniell,
I thanke thee *Iew* for teaching me that word.
Shy. Shall *I* not haue barely my principall?
Por. Thou ſhalt haue nothing but the forfaiture
to be ſo taken at thy perrill Iew.
Shy. Why then the deuill giue him good of it:
Ile ſtay no longer queſtion.
Por. Tarry Iew,
the law hath yet another hold on you.
It is enacted in the lawes of Venice,
if it be proued againſt an alien,
that by direct, or indirect attempts
he ſeeke the life of any Citizen,
the party gainſt the which he doth contriue,
ſhall ſeaze one halfe his goods, the other halfe
comes to the priuie coffer of the State,
and the offenders life lies in the mercy
of

of the Duke onely, gainſt all othe
In which predicament I ſay thou
for it appeares by manifeſt procee
that indirectly, and directly to
thou haſt contriued againſt the ve
of the defendant: and thou haſt in
the danger formerly by me rehea
Downe therefore, and beg mercie
Gra. Beg that thou maiſt haue
and yet thy wealth beeing forfait t
thou haſt not left the value of a co
therefore thou muſt be hangd at t
Duke. That thou ſhalt ſee the
I pardon thee thy life before thou
for halfe thy wealth, it is *Anthon*
the other halfe comes to the gener
vvhich humblenes may driue vnto
Por. I for the ſtate, not for *An*
Shy. Nay, take my life and all,
you take my houſe, when you do
that doth ſuſtaine my houſe: you
vvhen you doe take the meanes w
Por. What mercy can you ren
Gra. A halter gratis, nothing e
Anth. So pleaſe my Lord the D
to quit the fine for one halfe of hi
I am content: ſo he will let me ha
the other halfe in vſe, to render it
vpon his death vnto the Gentlem
that lately ſtole his daughter.
Two things prouided more, that
he preſently become a Chriſtian:
the other, that he doe record a gi
heere in the Court of all he dies p
vnto his ſonne *Lorenzo* and his da
Duke. He ſhall doe this, or elſ
the pardon that I late pronounce

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